Powder River Basin Oil and Gas EIS Coal Bed Methane Activity Breakdown

In order to study the impact that possible drilling activity will have on the environment, it is important to forecast where activity will occur within the play. We are soliciting public comments on how development will proceed throughout the basin based on constraints that parties have regarding each area. To start this process, we have broken the potential active Coal Bed Methane (CBM) area in the basin into 12 areas. The areas were delineated based on: coal thickness, drainages, topography, existing infrastructure and economic viability. This is the first pass at identifying areas of activity to evaluate environmental effects as these areas develop.

A map is attached showing the initial twelve areas along with summary information for each. Please review the summary information and provide feedback on any information that you feel is incorrect or if you believe different areas should be given special consideration from an activity standpoint. If you have planned drilling activity in these areas please look at each area and the associated forecast and provide any information you may have which would impact the development forecast. If your analysis results in a different interpretation of the development scenario please provide us with this feedback. Also, please provide issues and concerns related to development based on this scenario.

Twelve areas were selected to give sufficient resolution to identify the different areas of development. These areas can easily be increased or decreased in size if it is determined to be necessary. If you believe changes are warranted, please provide data or information applicable to each area.

















































